

hereby extended to Mrs. Winsborough and her fellow-workers, and to all the women of our Church, for their generous response to this great object."

ACTION OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Advisory Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Virginia Synodical begs to report as follows:

The work of the Synodical for the past year has been carried on most efficiently by the women, and the past year has been the best year in its history. The women are working with great enthusiasm and have an organization that is most effective. The members of the Advisory Committee have tried to render any service that might be required. The members and the officers of the Synodical have been most courteous and are endeavoring to carry on the work according to Presbyterian methods and rules. New Auxiliaries are being organized and the "Circle Plan" is proving to be a most successful form of work. The annual meeting of the Synodical will be held in Richmond in October. It was the privilege of the chairman of the committee to attend the last Synodical at Roanoke, as well as to be present at two or three of the Presbyteries, and he was greatly impressed with the results of their work. It may be of interest to the Synod to have some facts for future use as to the work of the women within the bounds of the Synod, and they are herewith presented:

Number of societies in the Synodical, 293; number of members, 17,482; an increase in membership for the year of 2,486; number of Survey subscribers, 4,671; Church paper subscribers, 4,360; copies of Prayer Calendar used, 2,130; Mission Study classes, foreign, 265; home, 214, with a membership enrolled, foreign, 4,549; home, 3,603; Prayer Bands with a membership of 5,871; women's Bible classes, 241, with a membership of 2,839; family altars, 1,455; tithers, 2,521; number of volunteers for life service, 95; societies observing day of prayer for colleges, 76.

The total amount contributed by the societies for the year was \$182,576, an increase over the preceding year of \$23,430. The amount per capita was \$10.44.

The officers for the year are: President, Mrs. John Bratton, Lynchburg, Va.; Vice-President, Mrs. D. K. Walshall, Waynesboro, Va.; Secretary, Miss Hilda White, Portsmouth, Va.; Treasurer, Miss Mary Weddell, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

F. T. McFaden, Chairman.

SECOND CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.

The Rally Day of the Woman's Auxiliary on Tuesday, October 10th, was a gratifying success. The church was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and flowers, and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there were eighty persons present. The subject of the afternoon was Korea, and the Auxiliary had the pleasure of having a missionary from that country to bring them a message. Mr. and Mrs. Crane were the visitors. Mr. Crane opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and Mrs. Crane, in native Korean costume, attractively told of the mission work in that field. During the social hour which followed Mrs. Crane exhibited some Korean curios she had brought with her. Refreshments were also served.

MEMPHIS, MO.

The Woman's Auxiliary of this church, of which Rev. E. M. Nesbit is pastor, has just completed the remodeling of its manse. In doing this every convenience has been added that would make the home more attractive and a more comfortable home for its pastor and his family. The work was undertaken during the pastor's vacation, but could not be completed during that time, so while the work was continued the Auxiliary paid his expenses at a hotel for six weeks.

The Building Committee consisted of Mrs. George Simon, Mrs. Alice Rudy, Mrs. S. W. Dowdall, Mrs. J. C. Kinney and Mrs. W. T. Reddish.

CONFERENCE FOR COLORED WOMEN HELD AT TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

"The best yet" was the general consensus of opinion at the close of the Conference for Colored Women held at Stillman Institute, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

It was a new Stillman which opened its doors to the Conference this year. The old dormitory, which had been an eye sore so long, had been torn away. The main building was undergoing a real transformation and the nice new dining-room was very attractive. But best of all, the new dormitory for girls had been completed and in this fine new building the delegates were housed and most of the session of the Conference held.

The program following was Bible study, community problems, nursing and inspirational addresses. The afternoons were devoted to classes in the handicrafts and in playground work, which was in charge of Miss Eliska Jones, of Tuscaloosa. The Alabama Extension Service and the State Board of Health cooperated by sending some of their ablest workers, whose addresses were deeply appreciated. Miss Willis, of the Extension Department at Auburn, gave a splendid series of talks along the line of dietetics, and Miss Rosabel Jones, of the Extension Department of Tuskegee, gave helpful demonstrations in making home conveniences. The State Board sent Miss McKenzie, who gave a fine series of talks on the care of babies and young children.

The Bible Hour, under the leadership of Mrs. W. E. Hinds, of Auburn, was entered into with enthusiasm. The inspirational addresses were very helpful. These were given by Dr. Brown and Dean Moore, of Stillman, and Dr. Lang, of the University of Alabama. The delegates appreciated the helpful messages of Mrs. Motte Martin, who was sent to the Conference by our Foreign Mission Department.

The two pageants, "The Ten Virgins" and "Israel's Womanhood," were ably presented by the Tuscaloosa colored women.

The Conference, too, is much indebted to Mrs. Reese, one of the delegates from Tuscaloosa, who had charge of the musical part of the program. There were thirty-eight delegates registered from out of town and forty-four from the city of Tuscaloosa. Seven States were represented. Mississippi was the banner State with fifteen delegates.

Several of the local colored ministers attended the session. They expressed deep appreciation of the great helpfulness of the Conference. The success of this Conference was largely due to the able leadership of Alabama's Synodical President, Mrs. J. G. Snedecor, who has been in charge of these conferences for the past two years. In this work the entire faculty of the Stillman Institute gave untiringly of their time and talents.

The earnest interest and keen appreciation of the colored women attending assured all who participated that these annual conferences are well worth while.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERIAL.

Pee Dee Presbyterial held a Missionary Institute in Florence, S. C., on Thursday, October 5th. It was a most inspiring and delightful meeting. A splendid and helpful program was given by Mrs. M. S. McKinnon, of Hartsville, President of the Presbyterial, assisted most ably by Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, Vice-President of South Carolina Synodical; Miss Ervin, of Darlington, and Miss Mabel Hall, of our Kentucky Mountain Mission. There were 118 delegates registered for the institute, a dainty lunch being served to all in the church parlor by the Pastor's Aid Circle of the Florence Woman's Auxiliary. After the adjournment at 4:30 P. M., Mrs. J. L. Barringer entertained all who attended the institute at tea at her home.

The Woman's Auxiliary is busy beginning Mission Study classes and planning for the Church Paper Canvass early in November, and will also observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions at the stated time.

CROSSNORE BAGS.

We hope that you have one, as an individual or a member of an organization. If you belong to any organization that does any form of religious or social service work, won't you take an interest in the bags and persuade that organization to take a bag, fill it with clothes, house furnishings, etc., for our sales, mail it to us and let us return it to be filled again (don't put hats in these bags, but in a heavy paste-board box by themselves). We buy these bags from an army store and they cost us forty cents delivered here. If you are willing to pay for your bag, we are grateful. If you want us to furnish it, we are glad to do it. Please write for one!

We feel sure that the convenience of having a container always at hand into which you can put things whenever you are ready to discard them, will make the sending much easier for you, and the "getting" much more frequent for us. We can't tell you how much we need these clothes. It is impossible for you to realize what could be accomplished here, and quickly, if we had the money, and a little

money does go a long way toward making an influential citizen of a mountain boy or girl. Surely you want a bag!

To the auxiliaries, I'd like to suggest that each circle have a bag. It will mean sending almost as many clothes from each circle as have been coming from the whole Auxiliary. If the bag is kept in a convenient place and each circle has a Crossnore secretary or "Booster," she will see to it that every time the circle meets some things are added to the bag, and before you know it the bag is ready to mail. And before you realize it the bag will be back again, empty and begging once more. Please arrange for this at your earliest opportunity. Every organized Sunday school class should have a bag and a Crossnore "Booster." Put a bag in a corner of the class-room, and see how many will come in Sunday morning with a bundle and drop it into the bag. They will if the "Booster" is on the job.

Every Christian Endeavor should have a bag and a busy "Booster," and we would get big results. Please try it! Write for a bag for your Christian Endeavor to-day and have the "Booster" appointed at the next meeting. Tell them that a bag filled means a boy or girl better educated, better trained for a bigger and better life. Beg them to form the habit of saving their cast-off things and using them in this way to help build character—and each one will have a neighbor or friend who is not doing this, but who would if persuaded, and let the Endeavorer bring such things to the bag. Send for a bag and get the Crossnore habit. Then Crossnore can mean much more to this big, beautiful world than it does to-day.

MURFREESBORO, TENN.

Mrs. N. H. Street, of Lenoire, Ark., was with the ladies of the First church September 23d to 26th inclusive. She came to teach the Bible, and a great spiritual blessing accompanied her work. She knows the Word, and with the presence of the Spirit she speaks it with power.

The ladies delight to speak of her visit, and, with one accord, testify to the great spiritual good that was done. They are hoping that the day is not far distant when Mrs. Street will be able to visit them again.

Front page of special Sunday-school program for Foreign Mission Day, October 29th. If your school has not received this program, write to Mr. E. D. Grant, Box 330, Nashville, Tenn., and tell him how many you will need, and get to work at once.

